

# CFAR ADELANTE

*Mentoring New HIV/AIDS Investigators to Meet the Needs of Hispanic/Latino Communities*

## ADELANTE Program Fact Sheet

### PURPOSE

Hispanic/Latino populations in the United States currently bear a disproportionate burden of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. *Adelante* means *forward* or *onward* in Spanish. The acronym ADELANTE, suggesting progress or advancement, was honed from the full title of the mentorship program—**Assisted Development of Early-Career Researchers Focusing on Latino/Hispanic-Community AIDS Investigations of Prevention, Care, and Treatment**. The goals of the ADELANTE Program are to decrease HIV-related health disparities in the Hispanic/Latino community and to promote the mentored development of new investigators to focus on HIV/AIDS in Hispanic/Latino populations.

### OVERVIEW

In this new program, the Centers for AIDS Research (CFARs)—funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)—will support ADELANTE Team projects for a 2-year period that includes mentored training during a Research Preparation period of approximately 4 months, followed by a Research Implementation period of approximately 20 months.

Each ADELANTE Team will consist of: a **Principal Investigator (PI)/Scholar**, who is the award recipient and a university faculty or staff member; a **CFAR Mentor**, who is a faculty member at a CFAR-affiliated institution; and a **Collaborating Partner**, who is a member of a community-based organization serving a Hispanic/Latino population.

As part of the funded research plan, the CFAR Mentor will be responsible for helping PI/Scholars develop and apply culturally appropriate HIV/AIDS research skills that will be used to expand HIV-related knowledge and to disseminate information through organizations and institutions working with Latino/Hispanic populations.

ADELANTE Teams should be supportive, diverse, and interdisciplinary. PIs/Scholars, Mentors, and Collaborating Partners will be expected to participate actively in all relevant project activities and to work collaboratively to develop and implement a research work plan that fully engages all Team members. ADELANTE Team members also will be expected to work together to develop peer-reviewed publications and to discuss the potential for submission of applications for further funding from the Federal Government or other sources.

Proposed research must be consistent with the goals of the *U.S. National HIV/AIDS Strategy* and *The White House HIV Care Continuum Initiative*. Proposed research should be community-based and reflect local Hispanic/Latino-community needs, as identified by science and the local community. Research proposal topics may include but are not limited to: effective promotion of stigma reduction; HIV prevention-focused research; elucidating factors that increase HIV risk in diverse Hispanic populations; identification of the cause of HIV co-morbidities that disproportionately affect Hispanic populations and influence pathogenesis; culturally sensitive interventions for care coordination; or means to better understand the cumulative effect of multilevel factors that may impede or facilitate all points of the HIV prevention-and-care continuum for Hispanic/Latino individuals.

### FUNDING

Applicants may request up to \$75,000 (direct costs) per year, plus applicable indirect costs, not to exceed \$150,000 in total costs per year. This funding may be used for salaries, technical support, laboratory supplies, equipment, enrollment in training classes or workshops, travel to the CFAR Mentor's institution, or other research or training-related activities.

Additional support will be provided for the ADELANTE PI/Scholar and CFAR Mentor to attend a 1½-day orientation at the NIH facilitated by the NIH Office of AIDS Research (OAR), the NIH-supported CFARs, and the OAR Hispanic Working Group. Up to \$5,500 per year will be provided for each PI/Scholar, CFAR Mentor, and Collaborating Partner to attend one program-relevant domestic or international HIV/AIDS conference. Support also will be provided for the PI/Scholar, CFAR Mentor, and Collaborating Partner to attend a 2-day final assessment workshop facilitated by the NIH, CFARs, and the OAR Hispanic Working Group. Additional support may be provided for the CFAR Mentor to attend a mentoring-the-mentor workshop provided by the CFARs.

The release of research period funding is contingent upon demonstration of satisfactory outcomes from the Research Preparation period, and the establishment of a full partnership between the PI/Scholar and the Collaborating Partner, as evidenced by the work plan and letters of support.

## ELIGIBILITY

**PI/Scholar:** The PI/Scholar applicant must: be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; have a strong interest in research related to prevention, care, and treatment of HIV in Hispanic/Latino populations; be committed to professional development; and be available to participate for the full 2 years. Individuals who are members of racial and ethnic groups that are underrepresented among NIH-funded research scientists and researchers from Latino/Hispanic-serving institutions are strongly encouraged to apply.

PI/Scholars may include post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty affiliated with an eligible organization or institution.\* An applicant with a prior history of NIH funding must meet the definition of an NIH *New Investigator* AND be within 10 years of having completed a terminal research degree. An extension to this period may be granted under special circumstances—such as extended periods of family care, clinical training, disability, or illness—with appropriate documentation.

**CFAR Mentor:** The CFAR Mentor on the ADELANTE Team must: be a senior investigator at a CFAR-affiliated institution; have current, ongoing NIH HIV/AIDS-research funding; have strong mentorship experience; and be committed to participating for the full 2 years.

**Collaborating Partner:** The Collaborating Partner must: be a member of a community-based organization, have experience serving Hispanic/Latino populations, and be committed as a full partner throughout the 2-year program.

## DEADLINES

The competition will be administered in two phases: the Concept Proposal phase and the Full Proposal phase. Based on the outcome of the Concept Proposal review, Full Proposals will be accepted only from those applicants who have been invited to submit them by the ADELANTE Program.

2-Page Concept Proposals Due Date	December 15, 2014
Estimated Review Date	Mid-January 2015
Estimated Notification Date	Late January 2015
4-Page Full Proposals Due Date	March 2015 ( <i>8 weeks after notification of selection, based on the Concept Proposal</i> )
Estimated Review Date	Late April 2015
Estimated Award Date	Early May 2015

For more information, go to [www.cfar-adelante.org](http://www.cfar-adelante.org).

## TYPES OF ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS\*

### U.S.-based

- Public/State-Controlled Institutions of Higher Education
- Private Institutions of Higher Education
- Research Institutes
- Hispanic-Serving Institutions with a primary mission of research
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)
- Alaska Native- and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions with a primary mission of research
- Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education) with a primary mission of research
- Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education) with a primary mission of research
- Small Businesses with a primary mission of research
- For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses) with a primary mission of research
- Regional Organizations with a primary mission of research

\*(U.S. Government Employees, Fellows, and Contractors are ineligible to apply.)